

## **What is claimed is:**

**[Claim 1]** 1. A method of scoring multi-games which consist of the following:

- a) a contest will consist of a variety of individual games;
- b) players will compete individually in games to determine player's points to be awarded for that game;
- c) a contest will include any combination of games such as golf, bowling, darts, billiards/pool, horseshoes, tennis (and any other games that can be played in individually) desired for inclusion in the single contest;
- d) individual participants will derive a final score for each game included in the contest;
- e) a composite (final) score will be established by each player upon completion of the individual games included in the contest by summing the player's points awarded for each game;
- f) based on the scoring method in this invention, the player with the best (lowest) composite score will be declare the contest winner;
- g) team contests may be conducted whereby a plurality of players compete against a plurality of players so long as each individual player on a team derives a point score for each game included in the competition;
- h) for games where head-to-head competition determines relative position of finish (e.g. darts, horseshoes, pool), points will be awarded based on elimination round as

matches are concluded in a bracketed format;

i) whereby, pursuant to 1.h, players advance to better finishing position by winning matches and continuing play through the bracket against other players;

j) whereby the player winning the final match of the bracketed played game is declared the winner of the game;

k) for games where actual score determines relative position of finish (e.g. golf, bowling), points will be assigned based the players score and the relative finish position among all players participating in the contest;

l) whereby, pursuant to 1.g and 1.k, a maximum ('cap') score will be established for each game, such that no player will receive a score worse than the maximum score for the individual game played;

m) whereby the cap score is given to a percentage of the players, optimally seventy-five percent, with range down to twenty-five;

n) whereas any players not completing a game or players not competing in a game will be awarded the cap score for that game;

o) where bracketed played games are included in the contest, these may be double or single elimination play;

p) whereas single elimination bracketed play will consist of players competing in matches based on head-to-head format until all players, except one, have lost a match;

r) whereas in single elimination bracketed play, the player that does not have a loss

when the game is completed is declared the winner of that game;

s) whereas double elimination bracketed play will consist of players competing in matches based on head-to-head format until all players, except one, loses two matches;

t) whereas in bracketed play, players will be awarded a fixed number of points for the game depending on the number of players involved in the contest, and the round in which they were eliminated;

u) whereas in double elimination bracketed play, the player that does not have two losses at the end of the game is declared the winner of the game;

v) the generally accepted rules for each of the individual games will be applied to the competition in these games, modifiable for local or competitive needs;

w) upon completion of all games and where the composite point totals result in two or more players/teams having the lowest composite score resulting in a tied score, a playoff may be used to determine the winner of the contest;

x) whereas for item 1.y, a playoff method will be established prior to the start of the contest and will consist of all or part of one the games included in the contest, or all or part of all games included in the contest.

**[Claim 2]** 2) Whereby the method of claim 1 may be applied to any group of games where head-to-head (bracketed) formatted and net (actual) score games comprise a single competition with the following modifications to claim 1:

- a) the games referenced in claim 1.c is modified to apply to video games and/or games of chance which normally are played in a tournament format singularly;
- b) the games referenced in claim 1.g is modified to include video games and/or games of chance that are played between two individuals in a head-to-head (match play) format.